

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Reroute Mill Pond Trail

LOCATION: The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Reroute 150 ft. entrenched section of Mill Pond Trail at The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park, improving drainage and reducing grade. Decommission and rehabilitate old trail by creating water drainage outlets and constructing a series of check and soil dams, using native on-site material to slow water flow and encourage sedimentation. Project will protect natural resources and improve public safety while supporting continued use and maintenance of the facility.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1,4

Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, and minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "trail or road repairs" and "trail removal, construction, or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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